

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: February 9, 2018

Happy Birthday!

A very special Happy Birthday is extended to the young and beautiful City of Cottage Grove. Cottage Grove will be only 131 years old on Sunday, February 11, 2018. A lot has changed since the City was incorporated back in 1887.

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, February 12th from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Cottagegrove.org

A review of the traffic on the City's webpage in January shows some interesting results. The brand new webpage – Construction Corner has become the fifth most popular page viewed. The City's main landing page (cottagegrove.org) is of course the top site for page views. The second most popular page views are on the City's Jobs page followed by the Police Department main page then the Utility Bill Pay site as the fourth most popular viewed page.

Fiber Consortium Meeting

The City Manager attended the annual Fiber Consortium meeting on Thursday. Consortium members received an update on the fiber projects and grant opportunities, approved the 2018-19 Budget and elected consortium leadership. The City Manager was elected as chair of the consortium again.

Youth Advisory Council Legislation

Last year the Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council testified before legislative committees on their Nitrous Oxide legislation. The result was that HB 3030 was passed in both chambers and signed into law by the Governor. The new law prohibiting the sale of nitrous oxide to minors went into effect January 1st. To help bring awareness of the new law and the impact that the abuse of nitrous oxide is having on youth in the state, the YAC prepared a letter that was mailed to every Mayor in the state. The letter was also distributed by email to City Managers and City Recorders.

Simplicity Homes Tour

The Mayor, Lane County Commissioner Gary Williams , Councilor Fleck, Councilor Zettervall, from Creswell, Chloe Beckes, Chamber President & Planning Commissioner, Travis Palmer Cottage Grove Chamber Executive Director, and staff from Cottage Grove and Creswell, were given a tour of the new rental units being constructed by Simplicity Homes in the Riverwalk subdivision. The 32 unit project is scheduled to be finished by April 1st.

Construction Update

Gateway Boulevard

During the week of February 12th, Brown Contracting will continue its replacement of the easterly northbound lane of Gateway Boulevard and the main driveway located between KFC and the Vintage Inn. Remaining concrete ramps and sidewalks will be poured on Monday, February 12th, with the remaining lane and driveway to be poured by Thursday, February 15th. All surfaces should be completed and cured by Wednesday, February 22nd, weather permitting.

Row River Road Pedestrian Crossing

To date, Pacific Excavation has completed construction of sidewalks, ramps, a pedestrian refuge island and almost all striping, with the exception of one stop bar, that will be completed early the week of February 12th. Final project steps will include installation of flashing beacon pedestals during the week of February 26th. At that time, City engineering staff will review all work as part of project-closeout procedures to confirm Final Completion.

City of Cottage Grove Crews

On Thursday, February 15th, City crews will be removing a gate valve on the water main located within Gateway Blvd south of Tyler Avenue.

Construction Corner

For additional details on all upcoming construction projects please refer to the City's Construction Corner at: www.cottagegrove.org/publicworks/page/construction-corner

Please drive slowly and safely; remember that work zone safety is literally in your hands.

LTD Survey

Land Transit District (LTD) is currently exploring the concept of an income-based fare program that will utilize the capital from the state legislature's 2017 transportation package. In order to develop a fair and inclusive pilot program, LTD has developed a survey. There are only 10 questions that range from "How many buses do you ride in a typical day?" to "Is the cost of a bus pass a barrier to you doing the things you need/want to do in the community?" LTD would like to get it out to the people in our community who would benefit most from a program that would reduce the cost of a bus pass. Below are the links to the survey in English and Spanish.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LTD-Fare-Survey>

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LTD-Fare-Survey-Spanish>

Discover Exoplanets: The Search for Alien Earths

The Cottage Grove Public Library is excited to announce that we are one of only eight libraries nationwide selected to host the inaugural national tour of the interactive traveling exhibition Discover Exoplanets: the Search for Alien Earths. Discover Exoplanets is made possible through NASA's Universe of Learning, in partnership with the National Center for Interactive Learning at the Space Science Institute. Discover Exoplanets will tour the nation from October 2018 through late 2020 and we will know soon when our Cottage Grove tour dates will be. We will host the exhibit in partnership with the Science Factory in Eugene for three months, and will host a diversity of special events and programs during that period. Stay tuned for more details and information about the exciting Exoplanet Exhibit coming to the Cottage Grove Public Library.

Quote of the Week

“Fill your life with adventures, not things. Have stories to tell not stuff to show.”

~Adventures in You Magazine~